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1. DEPUTY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT HAS CONFIRMED THAT QUESTION OF CONTINENTAL AIRLINES SERVICE WAS MENTIONED ONLY BRIEFLY IN N.Z. - AUSTRALIA TRANSPORTATION TALKS HELD IN CANBERRA LAST WEEK. BOTH SIDES SIMPLY REVIEWED THE CURRENT STATE OF PLAY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS, ACCORDING TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY.

2. THE AUSTRALIANS CONFIRMED THEIR PLANNED AUGUST 28 CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND SAID THE BASIS FOR THEIR POSITION WAS A BELIEF THAT ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA SHOULD BE SPLIT 50-50 BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS. IF THE U.S. WISHED ITS TWO CARRIERS TO SHARE THEIR 50 PERCENT, THEN THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE U.S. AUSTRALIA DID NOT WISH TO SEE CONTINENTAL TAKE ANY OF THE QANTAS SHARE, HOWEVER. FOR ITS PART, NEW ZEALAND, SAID THAT IT HAD TOLD US FORMALLY THAT IT

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RECOGNIZED THE U.S. RIGHT TO DESIGNATE A SECOND CARRIER AND THAT ACCORDINGLY CONTINENTAL HAD FILED ITS APPLICATION. A DECISION BY THE MINISTER WOULD BE MADE SHORTLY AS SOON AS THE STATUTORY WAITING PERIOD IS OVER. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY IMPLIED THAT THE AUSTRALIANS HAD BEEN TOLD THAT NEW ZEALAND WAS NOW TAKING A FAIRLY RELAXED ATTITUDE TO THE WHOLE CONTINENTAL QUESTION.

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